



Paxton-Buckley-Loda Unit #10 Schools

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Dear Parent:

District staff and administration will be implementing the following procedures in order to prevent the spread of seasonal and H1N1 flu viruses. Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois State Board of Education, and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided guidance for this implementation. These procedures are as follows:

- 1). The District will educate and encourage all students to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. We also will provide tissues and will allocate the time necessary to access running water and soap. Alcohol-based hand cleaner will also be available for student use.
- 2). The District encourages you to keep your child(ren) home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication. This will help reduce the spread of viruses to other students and staff.
- 3). The CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health are encouraging school-aged children to receive both the seasonal flu and, when available, the H1N1 flu vaccinations.
- 4). The District's maintenance staff will routinely clean areas that students and staff come in contact with often.
- 5). Staff and administration will keep a watch out for students that display signs of illness and send them to the school nurse or Principal's office for further evaluation. Students that have a fever and display related symptoms of seasonal or H1N1 flu will be kept isolated from other students and a parent or guardian will be contacted for transportation home. The parent or guardian will be strongly encouraged to seek a professional medical evaluation for their child.
- 6). School administration and the school nurse will continuously monitor student and staff attendance.
- 7). The Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department and PBL Administration will continue to stay in constant communication.

The District will continue to strive to keep all students safe and will pass on pertinent information as it becomes available. We appreciate your cooperation as we begin another school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff McClure".

Cliff McClure,
Superintendent

**** Please see reverse side for additional information ****

Does my child have the flu?

- The flu is serious! Call your pediatrician at the first sign of flu symptoms, which typically come on suddenly, including:
 - High fever
 - Chills
 - Head ache, body aches, ear ache
 - Nausea, vomiting
 - Dry cough

How do I make my child feel better?

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and put limits on TV watching
- Encourage fluids; like water, soup, juice, and ice
- Help your child relax by reading him/her a story and giving him/her plenty of TLC
- Consider using a cool humidifier